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“A hurried housewife is the busy Spring.
Too long she slept; and, now awake, ah me!—
A thousand things she has to oversee,
And flutters round, forever on the wing.
So many birds to feed in morning hours—
To wake and dress so many bedded flowers—
So many ruffled leaves to wash and wring,
Shake out and on the pendent branches string,
And then with sunbeams mop up all the showers,
And make her toilet for the coming June!
Yon robin sees her worrying warm about,
Pauses a moment in his idle tune,
And glances up and down, as if in doubt,—
Then whistles, more provoking than devout.”

28.—*Border Lines of Knowledge in some Provinces of Medical Science. An Introductory Lecture, delivered before the Medical Class of Harvard University, November 6th, 1861.* By OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, M. D., Parkman Professor of Anatomy and Physiology. Boston : Ticknor and Fields. 1862. 12mo. pp. 80.

DR. HOLMES proposes in this lecture to indicate the point where knowledge ceases and ignorance begins in several of the departments of study on which his pupils are about to enter. We have not the space to follow him in his specifications, but will bear our unhesitating testimony that we have found ourselves more instructed by his ignorance than we often are by the knowledge of other men. When he traces the border-lines, they enclose a magnificently large area.

29.—*Memoir, Letters, and Remains of ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE,* Author of “Democracy in America.” Translated from the French by the Translator of Napoleon’s Correspondence with King Joseph. With large Additions. In Two Volumes. Boston : Ticknor and Fields. 1862. 16mo. pp. 430, 442.

THESE volumes contain, with the Memoir and numerous letters, several itineraries and short essays not published in the author’s lifetime. We shall review them in full in our next number. De Tocqueville was one of the best, no less than of the most gifted men of his time, and his character presents a charming model, equally as to scholarly and intellectual habitudes, social graces, and Christian virtues. His correspondence extends over widely various realms of speculative and practical philosophy, all of which he had made his own by patient thought and diligent study.